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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: Acceleration of Broadband Deployment by Improving Wireless Facilities Siting Policies

Gentlemen,

The Passaic County Planning Board wishes to express its concern that the measures to expedite environmental and historic preservation review of new wireless facilities as well as the rules to implement statutory provisions governing local review of wireless siting proposals will unduly restrict and in some cases preempt the local consideration of safety, environmental and historic preservation issues. The County seat of Passaic county is the City of Paterson, America's oldest planned industrial city and there are many historic structures there and throughout the County. Many of these would be suitable as sites for wireless facilities, and their owners would welcome the investment. The Passaic County Planning Board is concerned that without sufficient local review, the historic aspects will not be respected. Adequate local review is also necessary to ensure that there is safe access to wireless facilities for their operators.

Very truly yours,

Stephen Martinique *SM*

Stephen Martinique, Chair
Passaic County Planning Board